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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC SECRETARY GENERAL AL-TOHAMY ANNOUNCES

"PLAN OF CONCILIATION"

REF: MANILA 10476

1. AL-TOHAMY CONCLUDED BRIEF RETURN VISIT TO MANILA SEPT 1 WITH STATEMENT (WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN MANILA PRESS) THAT "AN HONORABLE PLAN OF CONCILIATION TO BRING BACK PEACE IN THE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES IS ENVISAGED." STATEMENT SAID THAT PLAN "WILL BE NEGOTIATED AND CONDUCTED WITH IDEOLOGICAL MUSLIM LEADERS...WHO TRULY REPRESENT THE ASPIRATIONS AND IDEOLOGY OF THE FILIPINO MUSLIM COMMUNITIES." NO FURTHER SPECIFICS GIVEN. ACCORDING ACCOUNTS IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS AL-TOHAMY DEPARTURE CAME AFTER SINGLE "11 DAY VISIT" AND NO REFERENCE MADE TO HIS EARLIER VISIT AUG 23-25.

2. MENAWHILE GOP ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF FILIPINO MUSLIM WELFARE AND RELIEF AGENCY AUGUST 30 TO HANDLE ASSISTANCE PROFFERED BY ISLAMIC NATIONS AT KUALA LUMPUR CONFERENCE. AGENCY WILL BE TASKED WITH IDENTIFYING ASSISTANCE NEEDS, MOBILIZING IN-COUNTRY RESOURCES REQUIRED, AND INFORMING
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ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT OF PROGRESS MADE. ACTING GOVERNOR

DATUMANONG OF SULTSN KUDARAT PROVINCE NAMED AS CHAIRMAN
WITH SERGIO BARRERA (ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC
AFFIARS, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) AS CO-CHAIRMAN.
GOVERNMENT DID NOT ANNOUNCE FUNDING OF FUND AND SO FAR AS
WE AWARE NO FUNDS HAVE YET BEEN CONVEYED TO GOP.

3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT GOP ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUND AND
RESLEASE OF TOHAMY STATEMENT DESIGNED TO PUT OPTIMISTIC GLOSS
ON WHAT BY OTHER READINGS WAS AN UNFRUITFUL VISIT FROM
MANILA'S POINT OF VIEW. (REFTEL) WE WILL BE CHECKING
FURTHER TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANY SUBSTANCE LIES BEHIND
TOHAMY'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF "PLAN OF RECONCILIATION."
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